

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Thursday, February 4, 2010 – 5:00 p.m. – Room 215, Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Karen W. Morgan
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present:

Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Consideration of Appointment of David J. Lambert as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees

Mr. David J. Lambert, Nominee as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees, introduced himself, commented briefly on his background, and answered questions from committee members.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to recommend to the Senate that Mr. David J. Lambert be confirmed as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

3. Consideration of Appointment of Michael Mower as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees

Mr. Michael Mower, Nominee as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees, was in attendance at the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to recommend to the Senate that Mr. Michael Mower be confirmed as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine absent for the vote.

Sen. Bramble excused Sen. Dayton from the meeting and noted she had another engagement to attend.

4. Consideration of Appointment of Tami Wight Pyfer as a member of the Utah State Board of Education

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard recognized Ms. Pyfer's qualifications and spoke in favor of her nomination as a member of the Utah State Board of Education.

Ms. Tami Wight Pyfer, Nominee as a member of the Utah State Board of Education, introduced herself, commented briefly on her background, and answered questions from committee members.

Chair Bramble reviewed a handout that was distributed from the Governor's Office, "Utah State Office of Education District" that described the nomination process for the appointment of Ms. Pyfer.

Sen. Stephenson referred to the handout and recommended that the Governor's Office include business groups to the Email notice.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to recommend to the Senate that Ms. Tami Wight Pyfer be confirmed as a member of the Utah State Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.